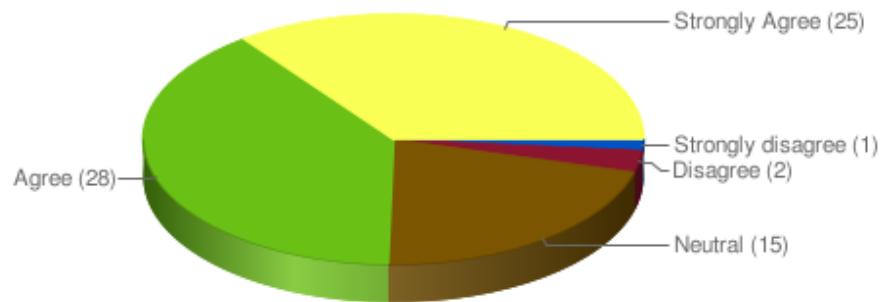




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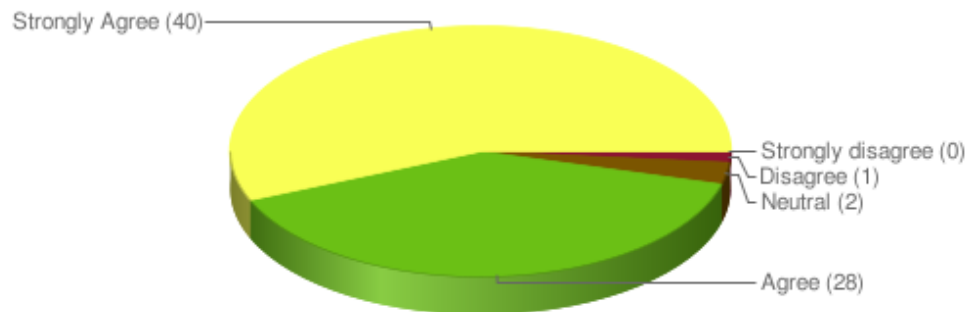
I thought Setti Warren's first summit was successful.

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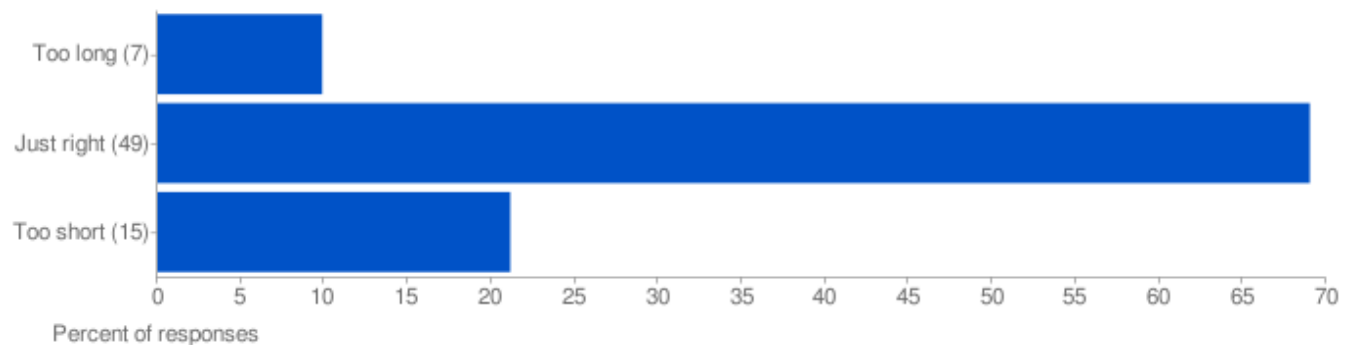
I would attend another summit if it were held.

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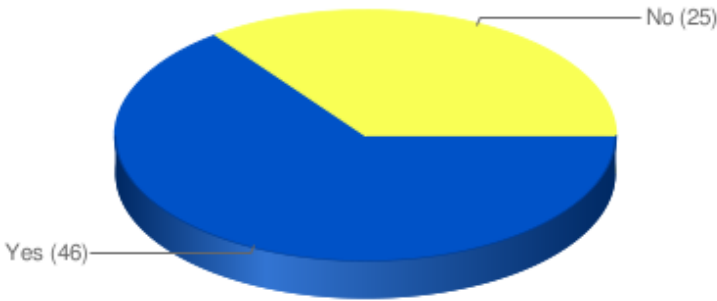
I thought the time spent in breakout sessions was:

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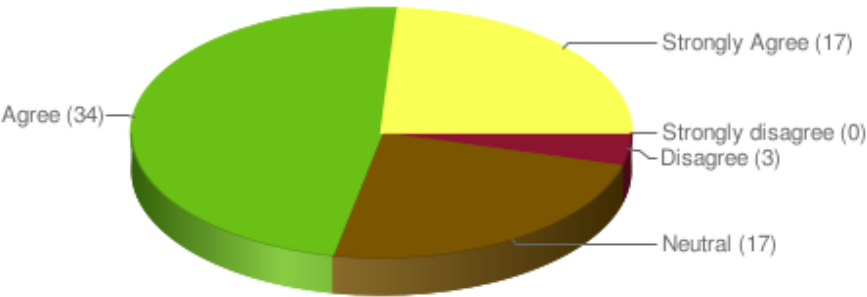
I would have liked to attend more than one breakout session.

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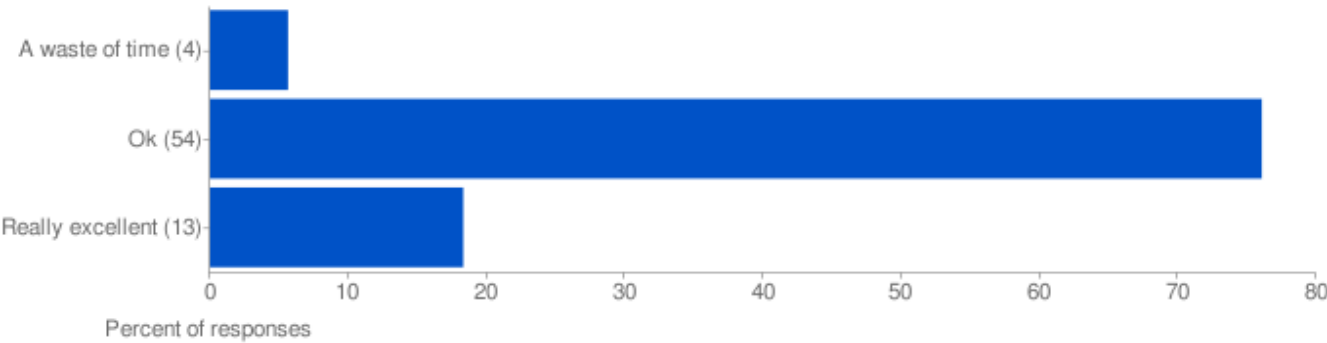
I would have liked to hear more about the other breakout sessions.

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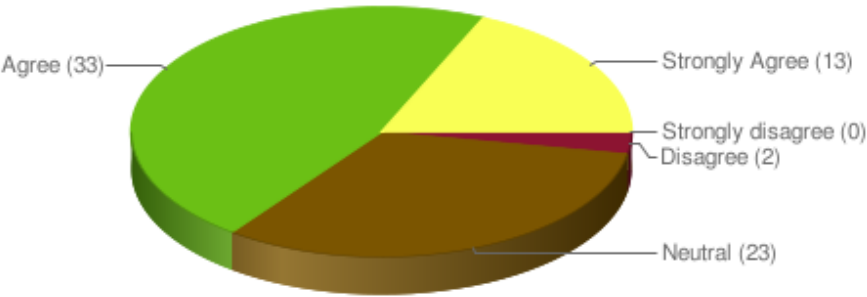
I thought the summaries of the breakout sessions were:

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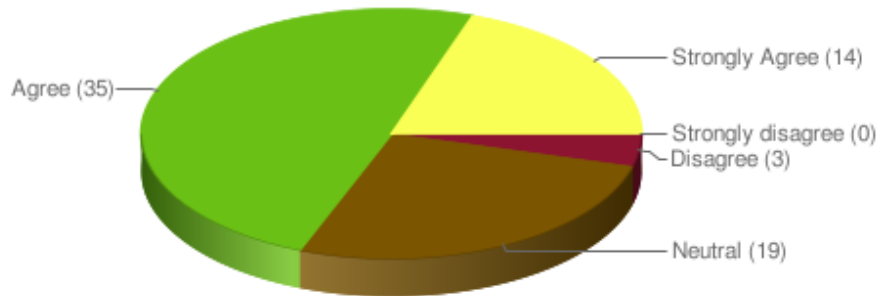
I would have liked to spend more time discussing the vision for the city.

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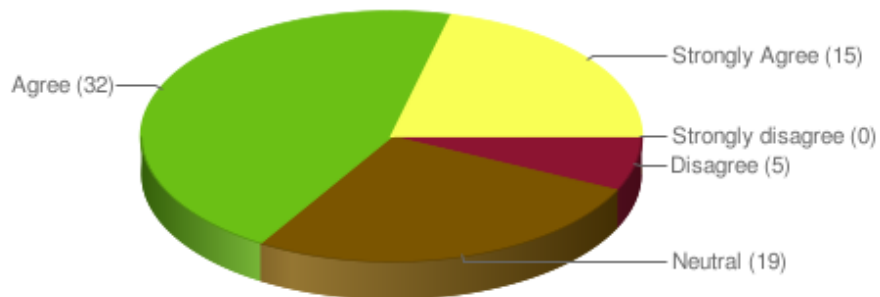
I would have liked to spend more time discussing the problems the city faces.

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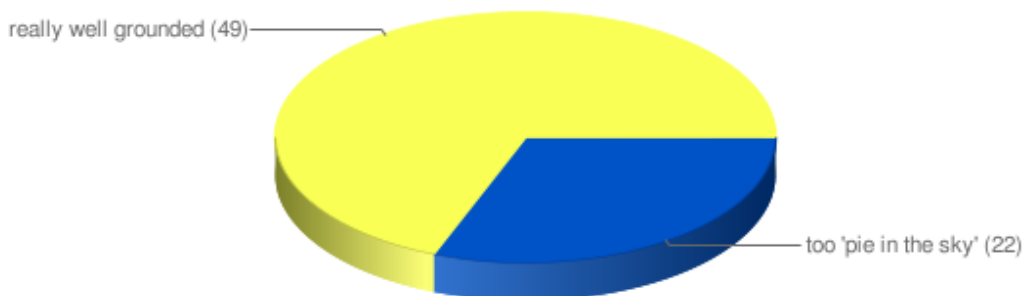
I would have liked to spend more time discussing the city's financial constraints.

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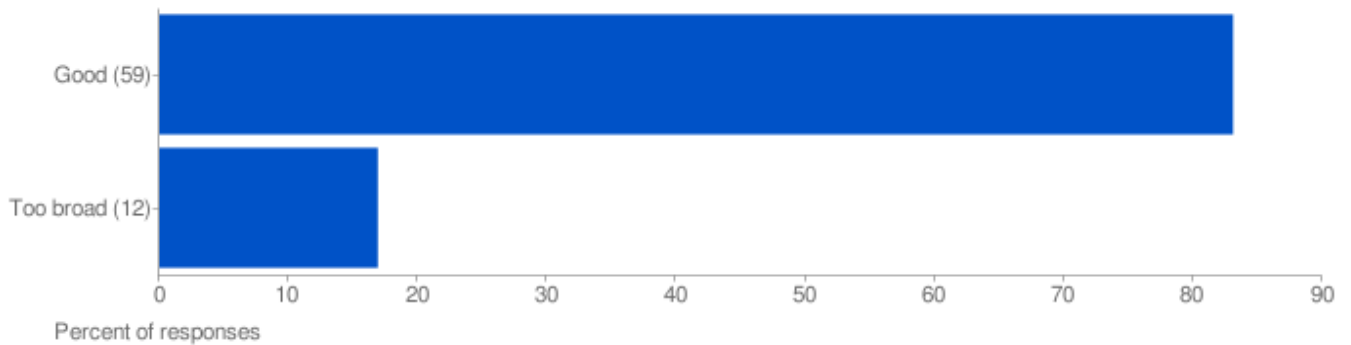
I thought the discussions were:

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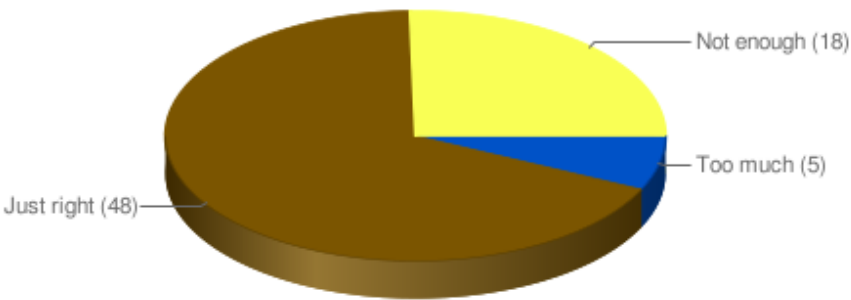
I thought the topic choices were:

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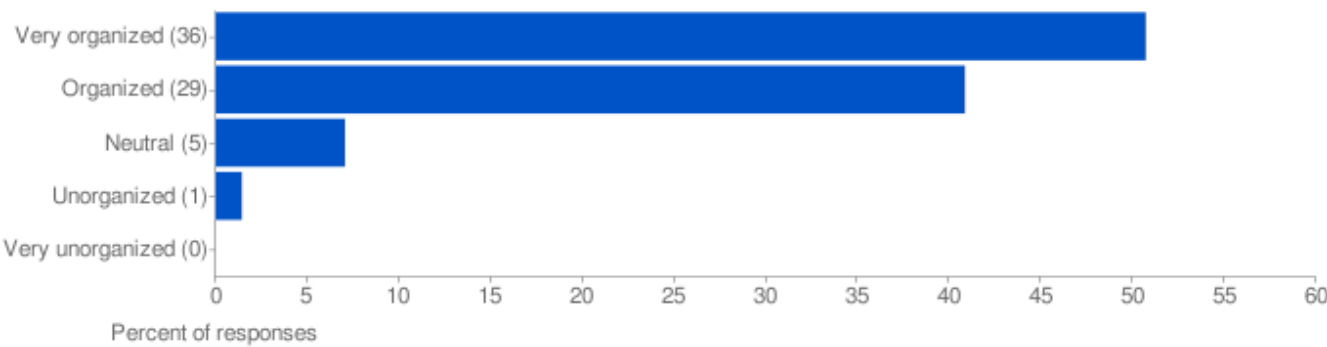
I thought the topic leaders focused the discussion:

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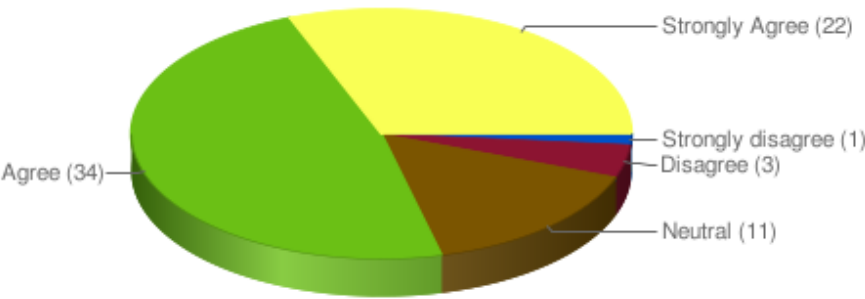
I thought the summit was:

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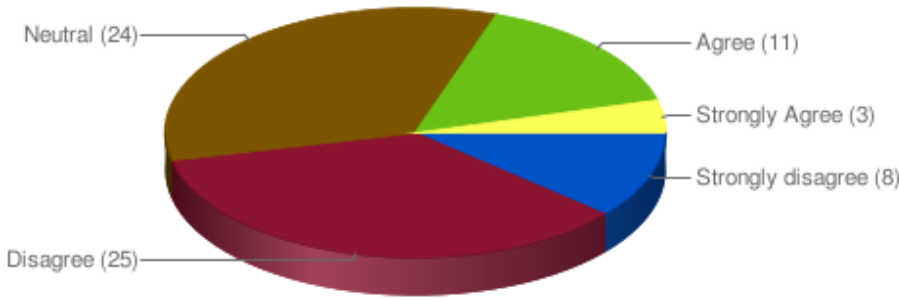
I felt my time was well spent.

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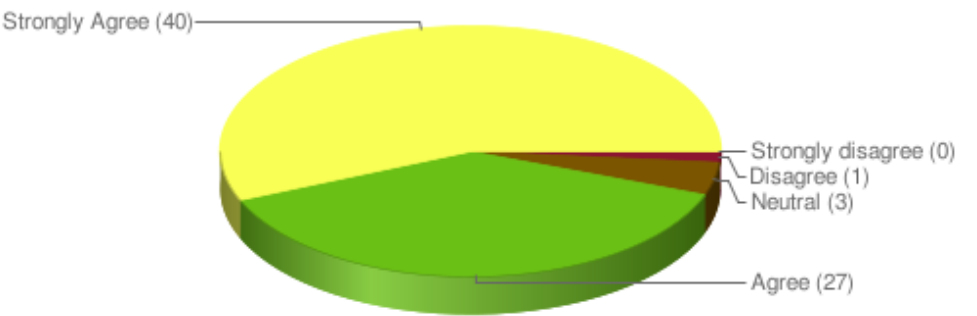
I would rather attend a mini-summit in my village than another large summit.

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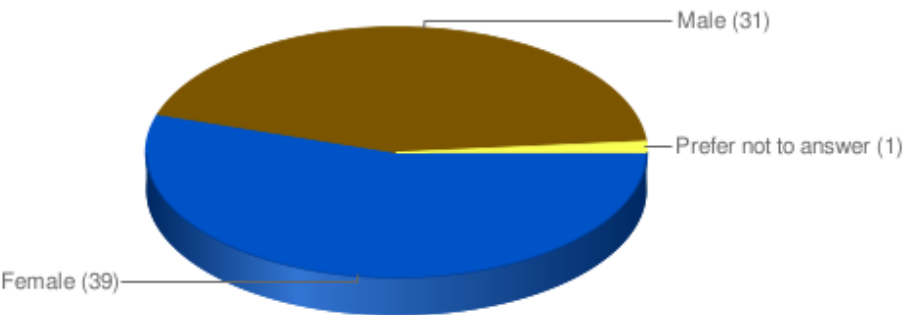
I hope there will be a follow-up from this summit.

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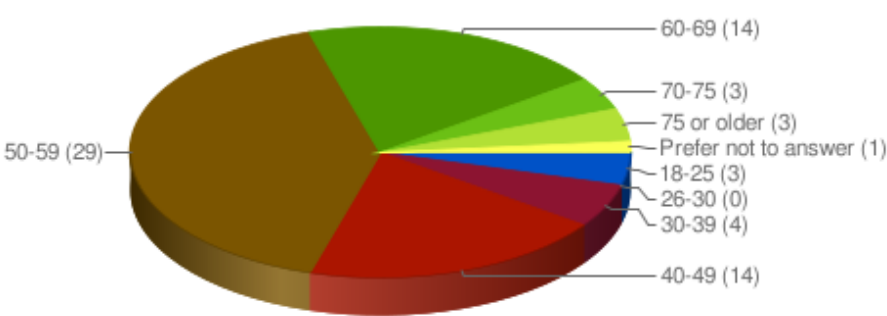
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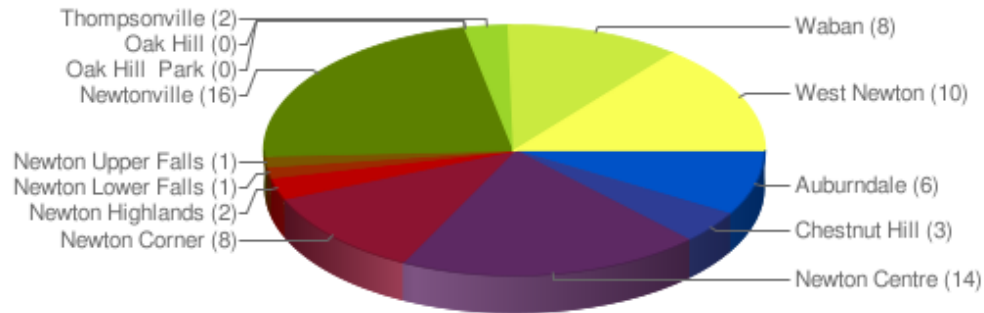
My age group is:

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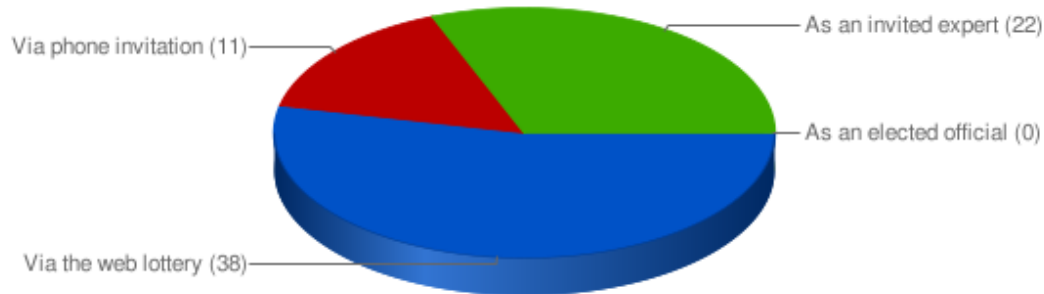
I live in:

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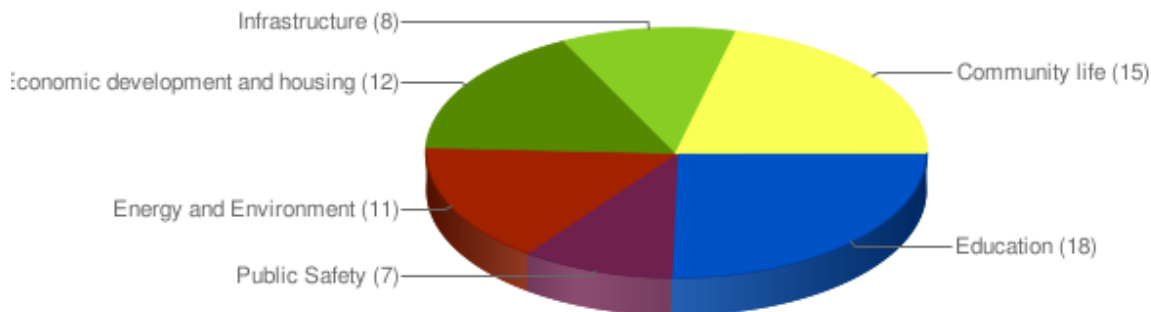
I attended the summit:

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I attended the breakout session on:

Results based on 71 responses to this question.



Please add any other comments you would like to make about the summit:

Jan. 27, 2010 7:34 a.m. via Web: *more of this citizen involvement is great*

Jan. 26, 2010 9:20 p.m. via Web: *Need some publicity so that the public, and attendees, don't just think of it as a time holder to the new administration's taking office to pacify voters.*

Jan. 26, 2010 6:39 p.m. via Web: *I like the way Setti listens and communicates. It already feels better than the last administration. I hope that continued discussion and further looking into the deteriorating condition of the elementary school buildings happens. In particular, Angier and Zervas.*

Jan. 26, 2010 4:22 p.m. via Web: *I thought the break-out session on community life was too amorphous, too "touchy-feely" and lacked the substance of the other sessions.*

Jan. 26, 2010 10:28 a.m. via Web: *I choose Newton Corner but I am from Nonantum.*

Jan. 25, 2010 7:22 p.m. via Web: *Lots of good energy! Everyone looking forward to the work needed to bring this city together.*

Jan. 25, 2010 5:56 p.m. via Web: *I thought the break out on education was very well run. Kept people moving. I would like to get follow up on what the Mayor is doing with our suggestions and I would like to participate in another break out session as well. Maybe better to have 2 breakouts and not the feedback to the whole group. I did like reducing all the comments to 3 main points but those points could go to the Mayor along with all the comments made and people could attend 2 break outs and not the whole group reporting. Good job. I hope he puts his administration to work on some of*

the ideas.

Jan. 25, 2010 3:53 p.m. via Web: *Setti is doing a great job to get the community involved and to listen to the community. Keep up the good work.*

Jan. 24, 2010 10:26 p.m. via Web: *We definitely need a follow-up to what was discussed to see if any progress was made in what was discussed.*

Jan. 24, 2010 4:24 p.m. via Web: *To my mind the summit was too scripted. One could have predicted the results simply by looking at the list of "experts" leading the sessions. It was more an exercise in confirming previously held beliefs than in finding out what the "people" are thinking. I would have preferred to choose my break out session. I ended up in a session in which although I support the prevailing view, I have no particular passion for or knowledge base in. I was actually deeply disappointed. I think the idea of community wide meetings is wonderful. Being put through the paces to a preordained result was not what I had hoped for. Manja Miles*

Jan. 23, 2010 11:52 p.m. via Web: *I thought it was a great idea and well executed. I would have liked to have seen the summaries available on the web sooner after the event with more options to continue the dialogue on-line.*

Jan. 23, 2010 7:53 p.m. via Web: *Break-out session was good although could have been a bit shorter and tighter. Coming back together as a big group felt rushed.*

Jan. 22, 2010 10:53 p.m. via Web: *I hope I can voluntary more in my town to help our mayor.*

Jan. 22, 2010 6:15 p.m. via Web: *Would like to see more on a follow up plan and will gladly help to implement it.*

Jan. 22, 2010 4:11 p.m. via Web: *We were widely focused in our group and I feel that at the next summit if there is going to be one, we should take the broad ideas and prioritize as well as rank them.*

Jan. 22, 2010 3:43 p.m. via Web: *N/A*

Jan. 22, 2010 3:15 p.m. via Web: *Ongoing discussions on the various breakout topics should be continued. Perhaps these groups could periodically report to the mayor.*

Jan. 22, 2010 1:29 p.m. via Web: *M*

Jan. 22, 2010 1:12 p.m. via Web: *I actually did NOT attend because I never heard back from the lottery that I was allowed to attend. So my first recommendation is to give more time and effort to invitations. I was disappointed to have missed it.*

Jan. 22, 2010 11:23 a.m. via Web: *Why isn't Nonantum listed on the list of city villages?*

Jan. 22, 2010 10:28 a.m. via Web: *pick the battles you can win so that you build momentum. keep up the good work!!*

Jan. 22, 2010 2:17 a.m. via Web: *Combining the topics 1) Economic development and 2) housing was an error. Economic development should be looked at all by itself, as so much else depends on it. The housing topic drew mostly people with an 'affordable housing' focus, and no feel for economic development. The group's facilitators did a poor job of incorporating the economic development ideas in the summary. So, they made the problem worse.*

Jan. 21, 2010 9:50 p.m. via Web: *I thought it was a great way to involve Newton's residents in the governance of the City. As residents we bring a unique perspective to the table about local issues we see as well as suggestions on how to improve conditions. Surely most who attended see the summit as a way Mayor Warren is reaching out to us. Hopefully there will be many more Summits soon!*

Jan. 21, 2010 7:51 p.m. via Web: *I think it was terrific....what a great way to hear from an array of interested citizens on key topics. The session I attended seemed to surface most of the important issues for the Mayor to consider re: environment and energy. I hope there are follow-up sessions as the Mayor and his team formalize and prioritize plans and programs.*

Jan. 21, 2010 7:12 p.m. via Web: *We're losing momentum. I think this survey is late and next steps should already be in motion. There's no shortage of issues, but most definitely a shortage of resources. So the sooner we start prioritizing since we know we can't do everything the better off we'll be.*

Jan. 21, 2010 6:01 p.m. via Web: *I would like to receive a progress report from Mayor Setti Warren after a few months with the results of the Summit and his comments after each Workshop summary telling us what progress is being made on the recommendations of each workshop. This would give those who attended an idea of whether their time had been invested wisely and whether the Mayor takes our input seriously.*

Jan. 21, 2010 5:18 p.m. via Web: *Great! Would love to see more discussions*

Jan. 21, 2010 5:03 p.m. via Web: *The summit provides a excellent forum for concerned citizens to have a voice and add some new ideas into the policy arena. The summits have limited value as a resource because the ideas must then be vetted and/ or developed at length by the various boards and commissions who are charged with addressing that policy area and the summits should be advertised as such.*

Jan. 21, 2010 5:01 p.m. via Web: *I would be available to help on projects that could use my CPA expertise.*

Jan. 21, 2010 4:54 p.m. via Web: *I thought the Summit was a success for the first of hopefully many more to come. While in the breakout sessions I felt the leaders chose their words carefully they guided us along and made every attempt to have their voices be heard. I do think for future summits the groups should be a smaller so that more in depth conversations could be had. Again great start and I look forward to hearing and seeing and being a part of more actions in the future.*

Jan. 21, 2010 4:46 p.m. via Web: *I thought the summit was a fantastic start to Mayor Warrens administration it initiated the renewal of community activism that Newton always had. Despite political and ideological differences that was a spirit of unity that if continued will bring back Newton the City we know it should and can be*

Jan. 21, 2010 3:52 p.m. via Web: *I think it is critical to continue this kind of group genius. It worked very well for Clinton before he took office and the technology industry (and our economy) owes much to the recommendations that came out of that summit.*

Jan. 21, 2010 3:48 p.m. via Web: *I thought it was a great first step. My session - economic development and housing had a lot of general consensus around development and more debate about housing and perhaps those issues could be separated in the future. I was disappointed in the facilitators who were not able to pull back and get the group to think of the broad objectives that we were all describing and instead tried to make it about which one or two ideas were more important than the others, while it was my sense that all the ideas were really part and parcel of the same general concept. It was then that the discussion became more adversarial and was surprising how they turned consensus into something less. It was a good start, but next steps are needed and some way of harnessing all that positive energy!!! I'm looking forward to MORE!*

Jan. 21, 2010 3:44 p.m. via Web: *Good conversation, energy and listening.*

Jan. 21, 2010 3:32 p.m. via Mobile Web: *In the infrastructure session the "experts" like several alderman, kind of took over and many of the citizens did not talk so much. I would recommend that regular people and real experts (like myself a local architect with lots of public building experience) do the talking with the alderman and other officials who are there to serve us, just listening! I noticed Setti doing allot of listening. Good job!*

Jan. 21, 2010 3:19 p.m. via Web: *The summit was just the beginning of the dialogue, so it's not easy to rate it. But B+ for effort. Now that Pandora's box has been opened, the expectations for action and resolution are high. Communication and managing these expectations will be critical. There is much talent in Newton which needs to be tapped to address the major issues the city faces. I continue to try to find a place where my experiences as a chief financial officer of 3 public companies and a member of 5 public boards can contribute to the city. It is not easy to "break in". I would be delighted to serve on a Newtonville village group or in any other capacity that would be helpful. Gail Deegan 617-969-3856*

Jan. 21, 2010 2:14 p.m. via Web: *(my comments in this field may have been lost in returning to previous Questions, so will re-summarize at the risk of being redundant) I thought the summit was terrific. I think some mechanism or forum for ongoing discussion of key topics raised is important. Many of the topics share a cross over interest with the other breakout sessions. e.g. infrastructure (roads) and public safety and Energy/Environment. Village or citywide forum ok so long as agenda is well defined and adhered to. One distinct topic raised in the E and E session was transportation in general and need for better transit access and bike and ped accommodation in particular. There is a sense Newton is lagging its neighbors in providing fair multi-modal facilities. Would be appreciated to have opportunity to hear from Mayor on this item. Thank you! Jerome Grafe*

Jan. 21, 2010 2 p.m. via Web: *I would like to continue to participate in the economic development process - task force, summit meetings, whatever the format. I feel that my experience from 30 years of real estate project management would be an important skill set to add to the mix. Thanks very much! Judy Cannon*

Jan. 21, 2010 1:59 p.m. via Web: *Great summit and survey!!*

Jan. 21, 2010 1:55 p.m. via Web: *Many of the summit's shortcomings were due to bad meeting planning and logistics: - We should have had more breakout sessions, each with fewer people. - The breakup room setup was terrible -- we should have been in a U or circle or large square to facilitate discussion. - Our scribe was hopeless; she was a slow writer and tried to capture every single word, rather than the main ideas. It was painful to witness. - Too much time spent on introductions. - The breakout questions were badly phrased, and there was a lack of clarity around what we were supposed to accomplish -- probably due to unclear expectations for the summit overall.*

Jan. 21, 2010 1:27 p.m. via Web: *You left out Nonantum as one of the villages in the survey. I like the idea of smaller community summits as well as a city wide summit.*

Jan. 21, 2010 12:51 p.m. via Web: *I think it would be useful if there could be a way to have small study groups of about a dozen that would do more than talk in generalities. Each group to have concrete topic to consider. This would be an ongoing project for as many meetings as needed to arrive at concrete recommendations. This would require a coordinator of study groups. This would be an ongoing effort and would provide the opportunity to take advantage of the talent in the community that can't be done on occasional summit meeting. More detail can be provided if there is interest.*

Jan. 21, 2010 12:12 p.m. via Web: *This first summit was important as an inventory of thought about the topics of the break-out sessions. I suspect many of the people in my session already had a comprehensive knowledge of the topic while, for others, this was a first opportunity for a public hearing of the various points of view. I think it is important to continue the thread of conversation with the goal of building pro-active plans of action to address the challenges. That said, I don't know who should be in the room for that conversation; I do think it is important to report back to the original Summit participants. This survey is a good step in the report-back process.*

Jan. 21, 2010 11:59 a.m. via Web: *it would have been better to do this survey closer in time to the event. i thought the summit was interesting and fun.*

Jan. 21, 2010 11:38 a.m. via Web: *I'd like to participate in follow up events and activities. Great start to Setti's leadership. Next comes the follow- through!*

Jan. 21, 2010 11:33 a.m. via Web: *We need to be more specific as to what we need to be looking at. What is the mission of the mayor? Where do we want to take this city? What made this city great and how can we make it greater in the future?*

Jan. 21, 2010 11:21 a.m. via Web: *I hope that there are many more summits. Perhaps some can be city wide and others*

can be specific to the individual villages. I think they are a great idea!!

Jan. 21, 2010 10:45 a.m. via Web: *It would be nice to have a list of attendees, especially at the breakout sessions, and contact information for them, so we could continue the conversation in a less structured environment.*

Jan. 21, 2010 10:29 a.m. via Web: *having breakout session leaders set better parameters at the beginning of the discussion: explaining city financial, staffing constraints, etc., could lead to more focused discussions that are more on-topic and shorter sessions, which would be good.*

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